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SUBJECT: FRENCH INVITATIONS TO OIL MEETING

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1. FRENCH PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE PROMINENT
COVERAGE TO PROSPECTS FOR ENERGY PREPCON, WITH EMPHASIS
DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN POSSIBLE OPEC REACTION' AND
CONDITICRAL NATURE OF US REACTION. FIGARO RAN FEATURED
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ARTICLE FROM BRUSSELS STATING THAT US HAS PRESENTED

"DOCUMENT" TO IEA PARTNERS IN EFFECT DEMANDING THEIR ADHERENCE TO US FLOOR PRICE PROPOSAL AS PRICE OF AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN PREPCON, AND THAT THIS /US MOVE HAS SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED OIL MEETING'S CHANCES. LE MONDE ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER MEETING IS NOT CCN-DEMNEED IN ADVANCE, CAUGHT BETWEEN DEMANDS OF OPEC MEMBERS AND POSSIBLE NEW MILITANCY ON PART OF SOME CONSUMERS (READ US) NOW THAT OIL MARKET HAS SHOWN SIGNS OF TURNING AROUND. IN ANY EVENT, PAPER CONCLUDED THAT MEETING WILL INEVITABLY BE DELAYED IF US INSISTS ON HAVING IEA FIRST ADOPT FULLY WORKED-OUT PLAN (WHICH, ACCORDING TO ITS UNDERSTANDING OF US "NOTE," INCLUDES MINIMAL DEGREE OF AGREEMENT ON COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES AS WELL AS PRICE AND INVESTMENT GUARANTEE POLICIES AND METHODS TO CARRY THEM OUT). OTHER PAPERS LIMIT SELVES LARGELY TO NOTING THAT RESULTS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING WILL MAKE US AND IEA POSITION CLEARER.

2. SEVERAL PAPERS (LES ECHOS, LE MONDE) HAVE NOTED UNHAPPINESS OF FRANCE'S EC PARTNERS AT EARLY ISSUANCE AND LACK OF CONSULTATION IN LAUNCHING INVITATIONS. NEITHER THEY NOR GOF, LE MONDE HAS CONCLUDED, WHAT TO SEE EC CAUGHT BETWEEN US AND FRENCH POSITIONS AS HAPPENED AT TIME OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.
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